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1. JAPAN

GOJ 8/14 ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS EMPEROR AND EMPRESS WILL MEET FORDS IN WASHINGTON 10/2; ITINERARY RELEASED AFTER CABINET APPROVAL; DEPPM FUKUDA WILL HEAD IMPERIAL SUITE. PARTY WILL LEAVE TOKYO FOR WILLIAMSBURG, VIA ANCHORAGE ON TWO-WEEK TRIP WHICH WILL TAKE IN WASHINGTON, NY, CHICAGO, LA, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU; EMPEROR ALSO VISITS OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS IN CAPE COD, SAN DIEGO, AND CHICAGO FARM; WILL MEET JAPANESE-AMERICANS ON WEST COAST, IN HONOLULU; ROYAL COUPLE RETURNS HOME 10/14 (REUTER TOKYO).

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JRA TERRORISTS HAVE CROSSED INTO SPAIN ON MISSION TO FREE JAILED RADICALS, POSSIBLY BY KIDNAPPING TOURISTS OR COMMITTING SOME OTHER "MONSTROUS ACT," ACCORDING MADRID GOVT PAPER (UPI NYDN, NYT). ASAHI LIBYA

DISPATCH REPORTS TEN JRA MEMBERS WHO SURRENDERED TO LIBYAN AUTHORITIES AFTER LEAVING KL LAST WEEK ARE UNDERGOING MIL TRAINING TOGETHER WITH PALESTINE GUERRILLAS (AP TOKYO, 8/13).

AFP (TOKYO) REPORTS FM MIYAZAWA WAS EMBARRASSED TUESDAY AFTER PRESENTING LDP'S NAKASONE CIGARETTE LIGHTER SOUVENIR FROM NY TRIP WHICH WAS FOUND MARKED "MADE IN JAPAN." NAKASONE QUICKLY GLOSSED OVER INCIDENT, QUIPPING THAT MITI — ENCOURAGED BY FACT JAPANESE PRODUCTS STILL ON SALE AT NY TOP STORES DESPITE JAPAN'S EXPORT SLUMP (WP).

OHITA LIBRARIAN, AMATEUR ASTRONOMER, SAYS NEW STAR HE DISCOVERED IN ARCHER CONSTELLATION JULY 15 HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY (REUTER, WP).

TOKYO METRO GOVT BEGINS SURVEY TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF CHROMIUM WASTE POLLUTION IN CITY'S LOW-LYING AREAS WHERE 527,000 TONS CHROMIUM SLAG DUMPED OVER PERIOD OF YEARS UP TO 1973 (REUTER, WP).

JAPAN LED WORLD STEEL RACE IN 1974, IN OUTPUT AND CONSUMPTION PER PERSON, WITH 2,355 POUNDS OUTPUT, 1,621 POUNDS CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA (CSM).

IF ALL PLANS MATERIALIZE, JAPAN WILL NEARLY TRIPLE ALUMINUM IMPORTS IN NEXT 10 YEARS, AND PROPORTION OF REQUIREMENTS CAPABLE OF BEING SUPPLIED BY DOMESTIC SMELTERS WILL DROP BELOW 60 PERCENT, FROM AROUND 90 PERCENT AT PRESENT. THIS EMERGES FROM SEMI-OFFICIAL INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE COUNCIL REPORT SUBMITTED TO MITI WEDNESDAY (JOC).

2. CHINA

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NO CONFIRMATION IN PEKING OF JACK ANDERSON'S WEDNESDAY REPORT THAT NIXON HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT PRC. GOVT OFFICIALS SAID THEY WILL LOOK INTO QUESTION, AND SENIOR USLO OFFICIAL DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH INVITATION (REUTER PEKING).

SEN PERCY SAYS CODEL WILL EXPLORE WITH PEKING IDEA OF VENTURE SIMILAR TO APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT; TELLS REPORTERS, "WE DID ONE WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN SPACE.

I THINK WE CAN DO A JOINT PROJECT RIGHT HERE ON EARTH, SOME PLACE IN THE THIRD WORLD" (PHINQ).

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS PEKING BROADCAST THAT OFFICIALS

REPRESENTING 19 COUNTRIES/REGIONS HAVE DEMANDED EXPULSION ROC FROM INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING FEDERATION TO HELP PRC JOIN WORLD SWIMMING ORGANIZATION. DEMAND

REPORTEDLY CONTAINED IN LETTER SENT FINA PRES BY OFFICIALS OF COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN PEKING SWIMMING INVITATION MEET, AUG 3-10 (SUN 8/13).

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WEDNESDAY SURROUNDED MUSEUM CONTAINING PRC ART COLLECTION, FOLLOWING ANONYMOUS CALL THAT BOMB HAD BEEN PLACED ON BUILDING'S FRONT STEPS. BUT ONLY CLAY-LIKE SUBSTANCE FOUND IN SHOEBOX-SIZED PACKAGE, APPARENTLY LEFT ON STEPS TUESDAY NIGHT (AP, PHINQ).

3. INDOCHINA

IN FIRST CABINET REORGANIZATION SINCE TAKEOVER, PP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT 2 NEW DEPUTY PMS.PRO-HANOI IENG SARY TAKES OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SON SEN REPLACES KHIEU SAMPHAN IN CHARGE OF DEFENSE. SAMPHAN STILL OFFICIALLY HOLDS POST DEPUTY PM (REUTER, CSM). MOVE SEEMS FAVOR HANOI, SINCE BOTH SARY, SEN BELIEVED CLOSELY TIED NVN, OPPOSE SIHANOUK. CHANGES FOLLOWED VISIT BY DRV'S LE DUAN. ELEVATION SON SEN, SHADOWY FIGURE REPORTEDLY LONG-TIME MEMBER KHMER CP AND CHIEF GENL STAFF KHMER ARMED FORCES, POSSIBLY LESSENS KHIEU SAMPHAN'S POWER, THOUGH SAMPHAN MAY HAVE ASSUMED UNCLASSIFIED

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DUTIES AS ACTING LEADER IN ABSENCE SIHANOUK. NEW APPOINTMENTS COULD COMPLICATE PRINCE'S EFFORTS RETURN PP BECAUSE OF ANIMOSITY BETWEEN HIM AND SARY, SEN (NYT, SUN).

CABINET SHUFFLE LEADS TO SPECULATION OF INCREASED NVN INFLUENCE IN CAMBODIA; KHIEU SAMPHAN BEING PUSHED ASIDE, BUT WASHINGTON ANALYSTS HESITATE COME TO SUCH CONCLUSIONS YET, SINCE KHMER HIERARCHY TOO MURKY TO MAKE JUDGEMENT. NEITHER SIHANOUK NOR PREMIER PENN NOUTH THOUGHT HAVE INFLUENCE ON KR ADMIN. WASHINGTON ANALYSTS SEE NEW GOVT AS INTENSELY NATIONALISTIC, NOTE ONLY PRC HAS ESTABLISHED DIP MISSION IN PP (WP). NYT'S BUTTERFIELD NOTES ANALYSTS FIND DIFFICULT DRAW FIRM CONCLUSIONS FROM CHANGES, FINDS MANY QUESTIONS LEFT UNANSWERED. QUOTES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT APPOINTMENTS APPROVED BY SIHANOUK, PENN NOUTH; POINTV OUT FORMER IN PYONGYANG, WHILE LATTER LAST REPORTED ON NORTH CHINA COMMUNE.

NCNA SAYS KHIEU SAMPHAN, IENG SARY WILL ARRIVE PEKING 8/15 ON "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT" AT INVITATION PRC GOVT (WP; REUTER, NYT). SENIOR AIDE TO SIHANOUK SAYS

PRINCE WILL MEET SAMPHAN, COULD NOT SAY MEETING WILL BE IN PEKING. PEKING VISIT BY PP DELEGATION COULD

DECIDE SIHANOUK'S POLITICAL FUTURE (REUTER, PEKING).

THAI TRAVELER WHO CROSSES FREQUENTLY INTO CAMBODIA SAYS SEVERAL RESISTANCE GROUPS OPERATE AGAINST KR. ADDS NVN ADVISERS SPRINKLED AMONG KR UNITS, REPORTEDLY TRY FOSTER ENMITY BETWEEN KHMERS, THAIS. ALONG BORDER, KR SELL GOLD, DIAMONDS, RADIOS, OTHER CONFISCATED GOODS TO BUY SALT, GAS, RICE, FISH. PRC SHIPS SAID DOCKING AT KOMPONG SOM CARRYING RICE, FUEL, CLOTH, TRUCKS, OTHER MACHINERY. WESTERN TRAVELERS FROM SAIGON REPORT THOUSANDS KHMERS FLED TO SVN ESCAPE HARSH CONDITIONS IN CAMBODIA; MOST REMAIN NEAR BORDER, BUT HUNDREDS WENT SAIGON WHERE THEY HAD RELATIVES (AP, SUN).

(UPI, NYDN).

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AMERICAN CONTRACTING FIRM INVOLVED IN DISPUTE BETWEEN US, LAOS CLOSES DOWN AFTER PAYING OFF LAOTIAN EMPLOYEES; UNIVERSAL AMERICAN ENTERPRISES PROVIDED EMBASSY MAINTENANCE, STORAGE, REPAIR FACILITIES (WP). LAOTIAN GOVT ORDERS IMMEDIATE EXPULSION 2 THAI DEP MIL ATTACHES ARRESTED LAST WK ON SPYING CHARGES. IN BANGKOK, KUKRIT SAYS DOES NOT WANT RELS WITH LAOS SOURED BY ARREST (REUTER, VIENTIANE).

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CALLS ON US WITHDRAW VETO OF NVN, SVN UN MEMBERSHIP (UPI, NYDN). SAIGON AIRPORT REFUSES PERMIT LANDING ROYAL AIR LAO PLANE SENT BY FRENCH GOVT TO AIRLIFT FOREIGNERS OUT; GIVES NO IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION (CSM).

FIRST 45 OF 8,000 FRENCH CITIZENS IN SVN ARRIVE PARIS.
SAY NOT ALLOWED TAKE MONEY OUT, SOME FRENCH CONCERNS STILL
OPERATE IN SAIGON, MOST LARGE LANDHOLDINGS NATIONALIZED,
FOOD SHOPS STILL WELL-STOCKED, UNEMPLOYMENT UP. EVACUEES
HAD HEARD OF RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS, BUT COULD NOT CONFIRM
REPORTS BECAUSE NOT ALLOWED OUT OF SAIGON. FRENCH-SVN
EVACUATION AGREEMENT ALLOWS 5 FLIGHTS WEEKLY FOR NEXT
MONTH, THOUGH MAY BE EXTENDED ALLOW ALL FRENCH NATIONALS
LEAVE (NYT).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND TELLS OF 2 QUAKER REPS WHO SPENT 3 MOS IN "POST LIBERATION" SAIGON; SAY NEW GOVT ENLISTED SUPPORT WIDE RANGE YOUNG PEOPLE, HAS STUDENTS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SANITATION WORK, PROGRAM WIPE OUT ILLITERACY, REGISTRATION MIL PERSONNEL FROM OLD GOVT, COLLECTION WEAPONS. MANY WEAPONS NOT TURNED IN, CAUSING PROBLEM FOR NEW GOVT; HOARDERS ARRESTED; UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY DEMOBILIZATION

ARVN; RICE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO NEEDY, BUT LONG-RANGE UNCLASSIFIED

SOLUTION SEEN AS RETURN OF MANY REFUGEES TO LAND. QUAKERS SYMPATHETIC TO NEW GOVT, SEE NOTHING SINISTER, REPUGNANT IN "REEDUCATION"PROGRAMS; AFFIRM NO BLOODBATH, THOUGH HAD HEARD OF ISOLATED CASES WHERE VILLAGERS KILLED OFFICIALS, KNEW OF INSTANCES WHERE FORMER SECRET POLICE CONDEMNED BY "PEOPLE'S COURTS," BUT DID NOT KNOW OF CASE WHERE DEATH SENTENCE CARRIED OUT. UNCLASSIFIED

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NYT IN SAIGON-DATELINED ARTICLE SAYS DIFFERENT LIFE DAWN-ING IN VN: FOR SOME ADJUSTMENT PAINFUL, FOR OTHERS SMOOTH. TELLS OF VIET SECY WHO WORKED FOR USG BUT WAS LEFT BEHIND, NOW BITTER ABOUT FORMER EMPLOYEES, GRATEFUL AND ASTONISHED AT RECENT EVENTS. SAYS FORMER ARMY CAPT SHOWED SIMILAR ELATION, EX-INTERPRETER FOR US ARMY RECLAIMS FIELDS NEAR DA NANG. AUTHOR OF ARTICLE (N.B. -IDENTITY NOT GIVEN) TRAVELED FROM HANOI TO SAIGON BY ROAD; SAYS IN HANOI STRICT DISCIPLINE STILL RULE: SCARS OF WAR PERSIST AT VINH, WITH DEVASTATION MORE PRONOUNCED TO SOUTH; HUE UNDER CURFEW WITH REQUEST TO SEE TOWN TURNED DOWN; LIFE SEEMS NORMAL IN DA NANG STREETS, THOUGH AIRFIELD IS PILE OF JUNK. NOTES SOUTH OF DA NANG, NATURAL ABUNDANCE OF COUNTRY IN-CREASINGLY EVIDENT, AND FOOD PLENTIFUL. REPORTS SAIGON MOOD DIFFERENT WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, MUCH PX LOOT FOR SALE, BANKS CLOSED, PROSTITUTES PLYING TRADE AMONG NVA SOLDIERS, STRAIN SHOWING AT "RE-EDUCATION" COURSES.

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SAY COMMANDER UTAPAO AFB RELIEVED, AFTER 13 PROTESTING VIETS DRUGGED, SENT TO GUAM, BECAUSE HE EXCEEDED AUTHORITY (WP). NEW SVN REGIME APPEARS STILL HAVING TROUBLE DECIDING WHETHER ALLOW 2000 REFUGEES ABROAD RETURN. UNHOR HAS DELIVERED LISTS, BUT SO FAR NO RESPONSE. UN OFFICIALS PUZZLED BY SILENCE, BELIEVE MIL MANAGEMENT COMM HAS HANDS FULL TRYING RESTORE ECONOMY, MAINTAIN SECURITY (NYT, HK).

SWITZERLAND REFUSED ALL BUT 2 OF 166 REQUESTS FROM SVN REFUGEES ABROAD FOR ASYLUM, STUDIES REQUESTS FROM 406 VIET, KHMER STUDENTS ALREADY IN COUNTRY. TWO APPROVED APPLICATIONS MADE BY VIETS WITH SWISS CITIZENS IN FAMILIES (REUTER, WP). DOS SAYS KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT REPORTED PLAN SETTLE THOUSANDS VIET REFUGEES IN FRENCH GUIANA. STORY APPEARED MANCHESTER GUARDIAN (SCOTT, WP).

5. THAILAND

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REVERED BY MILLIONS THAIS, LAOTIANS. SHRINE

COLLAPSED FOLLOWING 4 DAYS' DRENCHING RAIN (AP, NYDN).

6. TIMOR

FIGHTING BROKE OUT 8/13, CAUSING DEATHS, CASUALTIES IN DILI, COUNTRYSIDE; WOMEN, CHILDREN REPORTED BEING EVACUATED BY SEA. GOVT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, GOVT OFFICES IN DILI CLOSED. MILITARY GOV STILL TRYING NEGOTIATE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AFTER PORTUGUESE REJECTED UDT'S ULTIMATUM (UPI, GLOBE, NYT; REUTER, WP).

7. AUSTRALIA

GOA WILL INTRODUCE 3RD ANNUAL BUDGET 8/19 IN EFFORT COMBAT 17 PCT INFLATION RATE, SLOW DOWN HUGE GOVT EXPENDITURES. POSSIBILITY CITED THAT OPPOSITION COULD BRING ALP DOWN BY DEFEATING BUDGET IN SENATE. POLITICALLY, NEW BUDGET SEEN COSTLY, AS WHITLAM FORCED CUT-BACK ON MANY LABOR-INTRODUCED SOCIAL WELAFARE PROGRAMS WHICH MIDDLE CLASS VOTERS SUPPORT; LIQUOR, CIGARETTE, LUXURY TAXES EXPECTED RISE; POSTAL RATES GOING UP 80 PCT; TELEPHONE, TELEGRAM CHARGES UP 28 PCT (STOVE, JOC).

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION SAYS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE WILL RISE 25 PCT DURING NEXT YR, MARKING LARGEST INCREASE EVER. AUSTRALIAN SHIPPERS COUNCIL PRES SAYS HIKE JUSTIFIED, IN LINE WITH PRESENT INFLATION, BUT SS WILL GREATLY AFFECT AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRODUCERS, MANUFACTURERS (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. NEW ZEALAND

CSM PAYS TRIBUTE TO NZ'S JOHN WALKER, WHO BROKE WORLD RECORD MILE RUN IN SWEDEN THIS WK. LAUDS "ONE YOUNG MAN'S TALENTS AND RESOLVE," ALSO "CAPABILITIES AND POTENTIAL OF ALL MANKIND HE EXEMPLIFIED." UNCLASSIFIED

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9. JAPAN

IN HIROSHIMA AUG 6, 30 YEARS AFTER A-BOMB DROPPED, CHITRIB'S YATES SENSED THAT, WITH EXCEPTION THOSE WHO ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED INCIDENT, MOST HIROSHIMANS SEEMED OBLIVIOUS TO ANNIVERSARY. SAYS AMERICANS WHO COME TO

CITY GENERALLY ALSO SHOCKED BY ABSENCE PHYSICAL SCARS

OF BOMB ATTACK AND LACK OF DISCERNABLE ANTI-US FEELING.

REVIEWING ESCAPADES OF 10 JRA FANATICS IN KL RECENTLY, PHINQ URGES THAT EVERY NATION CALLING ITSELF CIVILIZED AGREE NO NATION WILL GIVE SANCTUARY TO OUTLAWS AND THAT ANY NATION THAT DOES WILL ITSELF BE REGARDED AS OUTLAW.

10. UNITED NATIONS

LAT 8/13 PRAISES US VETO VN MEMBERSHIP, CALLING ACTION
"POLITICALLY PROPER AND LEGALLY SOUND." STATES VETOES NOT
CAST OUT OF VINDICTIVENESS, BUT BECAUSE US BELIEVES
UN MEMBERSHIP MUST BE OPEN TO ALL STATES, PRINCIPLE "BEING THWARTED BY OTHER MEMBERS." SAYS US ABLE TAKE
SOME SATISFACTION IN "HAVING STOOD FIRM FOR PRINCIPLE."

CHITRIB CONGRATULATES MOYNIHAN FOR "RIGHTEOUS OUTRAGE" AT "TOTALITARIAN TAKEOVER" OF UN'S MEMBERSHIP RULES. STATES ACTION MADE CLEAR THAT US WILL NO LONGER HONOR COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLE "MADE WORTHLESS BY OTHER MEMBERS." SISCO

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